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To say this is a great day for Provo would be putting it mildly. It is a glorious day! From noon till night the streets have been thronged with citizens of the town and hundreds from the surrounding settlements. Beginning early in the day, the consolidated bands of the various towns surrounded the people. At 1 o'clock the new unfinished stake tabernacle was filled with people who had assembled to witness the event of the day, the big concert. Big it certainly was, with such artists as Prof. Weiss, Kent, Young and others on the list. The programme was of liberal length, and with the recitals consumed most of the afternoon. Head and shoulders in point of popularity came Willard Weiss, who was compelled to respond twice after his programme number. Miss Christie Lawson and Miss Little Boyer shared the honors as sopranos, and were each recalled. The quintettes by Messrs. Weiss, Young, Kent, Rordame, Olsen and Kent were loudly applauded, and the gentlemen were compelled to come back. Prof. Messer made a powerful and beautiful address on the subject of "Music." The combined bands and the choir and orchestra each were perfect. In fact, there was nothing but what was first-class. Prof. Kent and all who have worked up the affair are deserving of great credit for the smooth manner in which

everything has gone off. The receipts, to judge from the number present, must add a snug little sum to the fund for the construction of an organ for the tabernacle.

To-night we are to witness a grand concert at the theatre to be given under the auspices of the Provo Silver Band under the direction of Prof. Kent, which will be followed by a grand ball. We will "on with the dance," and you will hear "echoes from the ball" later on.

IN THE AFTERNOON.

At 1:30 the theatre was fairly filled below and in the first circle a large number of women and children being present, the silver band occupying the seats of the orchestra.

The house was tastefully decorated with festoons of evergreens and flowers, and the stars and stripes appeared from every available point. On the stand were noticed Mayor Dusenbury, Judge Judd, W. H. Ring, Judge Dusenbury, Rev. Goodrich, J. R. Miller, J. B. Walton, and among others, including a large number of ladies, the choir, etc. Mayor Dusenbury called the band to order, leading by the tabernacle choir, and the leadership of Prof. Weiss, Daniel Adams, Prayer by Rev. Mr. Jeffreys. He thanked God that the White House had become a home of prayer.

After music by the band,

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**CANADIAN COUSINS.**

Our Relations With, Not in, The Dominion.

**THE PERSECUTION OF PARNELL.**

The Great Irish Patriot on The Witness Stand—A Father Hanged by His Sons.

CHICAGO, May 1.—The Senate special committee on relations with Canada will hold its first meeting at the Grand Pacific to-morrow. After the conference the committee will leave for San Francisco.

Senator Blair, when questioned regarding the work of the committee, and it would not conflict in any way with the work of Senator Callahan's committee, which will make a railway interest, its particular business.

"You are not going to the Coast, then, to investigate the operation of the Canadian railway?"

"We are not."

"Will your committee investigate the Bohring sea fishery trouble?"

In a general way he replied: "It covers the fisheries question, but I do not wish to talk in detail of the matter until I have seen the committee."

A Most Revolting Crime.

SOMERSET, Pa., May 1.—A mysterious tragedy in Jefferson township yesterday grows more revolting as the facts appear. It now seems more probable that David and George, two sons of old man Shanks, who was sixty-five years of age, hanged their father; and that David, an hour later, shot his young stepmother through the body as she was returning from the barn to the house. The object of their crime was that they might speedily come into possession of the estate, which is valuable.

CROSS-EXAMINED.

Parnell Takes the Witness Stand and Testifies About Irish Affairs.

LONDON, May 1.—The direct examination of Parnell was concluded at today's session of the Parnell committee.

Parnell declared that he had conducted the Irish agitation constitutionally.

The cross-examination was begun.

Parnell on cross-examination denied that the Irish World ever collected money for any parliamentary purpose.

The Irish World had been hostile to him and the parliamentary party since 1881.

Attorney General Webster here produced extracts from the Irish World praising Parnell's action in parliament after 1882.

Sir Charles Russell, counsel for the Parnellites, put in extracts adverse to Parnell.

The cross-examination was then continued.

Parnell admitted knowing Mooney, otherwise known as Transatlantic.

Mooney wrote violent articles, still the witness could not object to saying that Mooney's tributes to assist the party, if he did not publish articles advocating murder.

The witness had held no communication with Patrick Ford since 1881.

Patrick Ford, a Parnellite, had been excluded from a coalition with Parnell in order to expel landlords from Ireland.

He certainly aimed to destroy landlordism, but not to drive individuals from the country, and he never had any idea of resorting to forcible means.

He did not recollect meeting David and John O'Leary in 1878, and discussing with them about a possible alliance between the Nationalists and the Fenians.

He had a notion that the national fund in America and the Irish fund were identical.

Attorney General Webster here read a violent manifesto signed by John Devoy and others, and issued at Dublin.

Parnell declared that he had never heard of it before. He had not known Devoy, Broderick, and Alexander Sullivan, and a number of physical force men. He said he would frankly admit that he felt it was no part of his duty to exclude any man from the league on account of his antecedents.

He did not recollect giving a speech at Lynn, Mass., in which it was alleged that he had said that when England was beaten to her knees, the time would have come to realize the idea of the Nationalists. He admitted that if he had said those words he must have been thinking of the method of warfare in the event of the constitutional form failing.

At 7:30 somebody offered him \$5 for bread and 50¢ for a drink. He did not object to the offer because he thought the offer meant \$5 for charity work and 50¢ for liquor work.

Adjourning.

Medicine Finances Improving.

CITY OF MEXICO, via Galveston, May 1.—The government makes the official announcement that the Berlin banker, Bleichroeder, has made a demand for the loan of \$2,000,000 upon which he held an option. The minister of finances, Señor Dillan, has availed himself of the opportunity given him by this action of Bleichroeder to issue a circular calling attention to the improved condition of the national finances and decrease of the national debt.

Presented to Carnot.

PARIS, May 1.—President Carnot to-day gave an audience to United States Minister McLane who presented General Franklin, commissioner of the United States to the Paris exposition.

Yellow Fever Abated.

BERLIN, May 1.—By an explosion at a colliery at Darnmouth, three persons were killed and one injured.

Lloyd's agent at Berlin reports that the Emperor has yellow fever and several officers and twenty-eight men being ill, and three having died. The Emperor sailed from Baltimore April 15 for Bremen.

A Big Rail Road Collision.

ST. LOUIS, May 1.—The Canadian Pacific and the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba roads, after following a strong combination, have now parted ways.

The St. Paul road will go into the directory of the Canadian Pacific at a meeting to be held next week, while the St. Paul road will go into the directory of the St. Paul road. Western business will go to Vancouver via Winnipeg, while eastbound business will be handled via St. Paul.

This arrangement has been made as a result of the aggressive policy of the Northern Pacific.

A CATTLE COMMISSION.

A Company Formed in Chicago to Further Cattle Interests.

CHICAGO, May 1.—Some weeks ago Lazarus Leeb, A. B. Gregory and T. Eaton, western stockmen, issued an invitation from Kansas City to several well-known stockmen throughout the country, asking them to join in organizing the American Live Stock Commission as a result of the meeting at the United States yards.

The meeting was held yesterday at the Tremont house and was quite largely attended. Those present are considered as the object and scope of the company.

The men at the stock yards assert that its sole aim is to evade the payment of the 50 cent commission.

The members are heavy cattle raisers and propose to open a branch house in this city. The company, it is said, will sell no cattle not raised by its stockholders.

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